

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a catalyst composition, characterized in that a solid support containing TiO_2 in an amount of at least 70 wt.[-]]%, WO_3 in an amount of 5-20 wt.[-]]%, and optionally SiO_2 in an amount of up to 15 wt.[-]]% is contacted with a vanadate (REVO4) of at least one rare earth metal (RE) selected from the group consisting of Y, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Er and Yb to give a slurry which is brought to dryness and calcined.

22. (Previously Presented) A catalyst composition obtainable according to a process of claim 21.

23. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a catalyst composition as in claim 21, comprising:

contacting a solid support containing TiO_2 in an amount of at least 70 wt.[-]]%, WO_3 in an amount of 5-20 wt.[-]]%, and SiO_2 is present in an amount of up to 15 wt.[-]]% with a vanadate (REVO4) of at least one rare earth metal (RE) selected from the group consisting of Y, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Er and Yb to give a slurry which is brought to dryness and calcined.

24. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition obtained from the process of claim 22, wherein SiO_2 in an amount of up to 15 wt.% is present in the solid support.